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WE WELCOME YOU!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; to transform all people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a community of believers making and baptizing disciples so that Christ’s forgiveness and healing can be accomplished in the world.

We are a community of believers because God wants us to be something together and represent God with our unified diversity. Our vision is to further God’s Kingdom in our midst.

PRAYING CHURCH: A CALL TO PRAYER

“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” (Matthew 9:37-38 RSV)

Jesus calls and encourages the staff, all leaders, members, and regular worship participants of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church to a time of fervent prayer, spiritual growth and transformation. For the sake of God’s love for the world, we are invited to renew prayers for friends, neighbors, and family members who are outside and inside the church.

Objective One: Call CELC to Prayer

I invite you to pray for the spiritual transformation of this church so that every member and regular participant might bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Activate and mobilize our church to pray for spiritual transformation that is grounded in the Bible. God is calling each and everyone in His church to prayer. Together we pray:

- For God’s power and blessing in faithful evangelical outreach;
- For God to stir up in the Church the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- For the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest to witness and invite people to faith;



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MANY THANKS TO THE FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM FOR FEEDING AND GREETING US IN JULY! THANKS IN ADVANCE TO ALL THOSE WHO FEED AND GREET US IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER!

NEW TO CELC?

New to CELC? Want to know more about our faith community? Please email clc@heartmindsoul.com to begin receiving our weekly e-newsletter and/or weekly family ministry e-newsletter. Also, please attend Breakfast with Pastor Marv in the Hospitality Room at 9 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month starting in October.



PERMISSION FORMS & PHOTO RELEASES

All children and teens who participate in family ministry activities at CELC are required to have up-to-date health and permission forms on file at the church. As well, CELC requests that everyone sign the photo release form so that we know whether we have your permission to use photos of you and your family in CELC publications, including on the web site. This will help us make sure our publications accurately reflect our community and the ministries of CELC. We thank you in advance for your help. For copies of these forms, please call or email Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160 or jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.



SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELC shares Sunday morning announcements on the televisions in the Narthex and Colonnade before and after each service. You may also see the announcements on the big screen before worship. A special thanks to Rusty and Rachel Hill for putting the project together.



Please email normal ministry announcements in PowerPoint to Pastor Marv at marv@heartmindsoul.com by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before the "announcement" should be made. Two slides maximum. We will publish them "as is" so please proofread before you send. (If you don't know how to use PowerPoint, contact one of the staff and we will teach you.)

We encourage the congregation to share public witness (stories) of how God is at work in our lives. To share a story, please speak to Pastor Marv.

Other opportunities to publicize ministries/events include the weekly e-newsletter, the weekly family ministry e-newsletter and the Week Ahead. We also encourage you to come to worship early to greet and talk to people about your ministry/event.

PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request to the prayer list, please email Florence Heacock at flohea@heartmindsoul.com or call her at 301-652-5160. **Please indicate if you want the prayer to be confidential (prayer group only) or on the list inserted in the bulletin.** We also would appreciate feedback on the prayers to see how God is moving at CELC. Prayer lists are available in the Narthex.



Please also email Florence if you would like more information about becoming a prayer minister.

SUNDAY MORNING WITNESS

Sharing witnesses (stories) of how God is at work in our lives encourages and lifts up other Christians and helps plant seeds for non-Christians. To share a witness of how God is at work in your life, please speak to Pastor Marv.



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Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion.

Morning Education Hour: Pathfinders for Children (on break in the summer), Alpha “Challenging Lifestyles” Bible study on the Beatitudes, Alpha “Questions of Life” course, Prayer Ministry Team meets.

11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

6 p.m. — 8 p.m. CELC Youth Meet! Come hungry! (Every other Sunday in the summer)

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Mission of The Chronicle

To communicate about disciple-making events & opportunities ... all for the glory of God and to grow His Kingdom.

Please contribute to The Chronicle! Let's share all the exciting ways God is at work here at Christ Lutheran! Questions? Please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5, or email jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

Oct./Nov. Chronicle Deadline



Submissions for the October/November issue of The Chronicle are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23. Please

drop them off in the box on Jennifer's office door or e-mail them to jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.



**New to CLC?
Want to know
more about our
faith community?
Please email**

**clc@heartmindsoul.com
to begin receiving our weekly
e-newsletter and/or weekly family
ministry e-newsletter.**

Updates & Reminders

Prayer Ministry and Small Group News!



“**Doing Life Together**,” the next Small Group leaders’ and ministers’ forum, will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 in the Hospitality Room. It is essential that all small group leaders attend. We will focus on preparations for the Fall Festival and CELC’s 2005-2006 Christian education year. If you are interested in small group Bible study leadership/ministry, please join us!

Please pray for **prayer ministers** for our Prayer Ministry. If you would like more information about the Prayer Ministry, if you have experience as a prayer minister, or if you would like to talk with someone about how God is calling you to be involved in Prayer Ministry, please contact Sanna Solem at (301) 571-0050 or Florence Heacock at (301) 452-2491, or email Florence at flohea@heartmindsoul.com.

CELC’s Small Group Ministry has new materials available including “**Doing Life Together**,” a groundbreaking book and DVD study that is the first small group curriculum built completely on the Purpose-Driven paradigm. It has proven to produce dramatic changes in the lives of those who complete it!

To check out “Doing Life Together” and other small group materials, please come to the Small Group Ministry office located next to the Upper Room in the second-floor education hall. The materials are available in the bookcase on the far wall of the office.

— Florence Heacock

Remember what it felt like when you were looking for a church home? Want to help visitors connect with and experience a welcoming community at CELC?



Help us help visitors feel right at home at CELC by joining the Connection Power team! To learn more, contact Erica Sprague at 301-652-5160 or by email at erica@heartmindsoul.com.

A CALL TO PRAYER

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- For our witness to those who do not know God’s love in Jesus Christ;
- For all to grow in hospitality to the visitor and stranger;
- For increased participation in worship, study of Scripture, stewardship, service, prayer, encouragement, and witness.

Objective Two: Covenant to pray with and for each other.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2-3)

As a covenant response to all that God has done in my life, I promise to pray fervently for this church. ***The church staff will lead this call to prayer and set aside prayer time each week to pray for four families in the church. We will post the names of the families we will be praying for; please let us know if you have specific prayer requests.***



An individual prayer card will be available each Sunday at worship for you to fill out and place in the offering plate.

I invite you to pray with me: ***Jesus, you send us out into streets, neighborhoods and schools, places of work and places of play, and to the ends of the earth. As you send us, send also your Holy Spirit, that we might be renewed, strengthened and empowered to be bold witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. AMEN.***

A praying church is a church in united in God’s love.

— Pastor Marv

Special Events & Information

You are invited to
CELC'S
Fall Festival!



11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11
 at 8011 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda

Bring your friends and join us as we
 celebrate the fall with food, live rock music,
 games & activities for all ages, and PRIZES!

Everything is FREE!

For more information or to
 volunteer to help, please call
 Erica at 301-652-5160.



Save the Date!

**CELC's Fall
 Church-wide
 Retreat**

Saturday, Nov. 5

Watch for details at the
 Fall Festival!

For more information,
 please contact Florence
 Heacock at 301-652-5160 or
 by email at
 flohea@
 heartmindsoul.com

CLC Council



The CELC Council held its
 regular monthly meeting on
 July 19. The Council wel-
 comed two new members,
 Rhea McVicker and Steve
 North, who have replaced re-
 signing members Chee Kin
 Tang and Robert Dalzell.

Much of the meeting focused on the progress of our
 Graceful Growing Together (GGT) redevelopment
 initiative. On July 12, Pastor Marv Tollefson pre-
 sented the church's plans before the Montgomery
 County Council as part of the Woodmont Triangle
 zoning hearings. He emphasized the community- and
 family-oriented ministries we envision in the rede-

*The Council welcomes
 its newest members,
 Rhea McVicker & Steve North,
 and thanks them for serving!*

velopment and the lack of those services in the area
 right now. Feedback from the county council at the
 presentation appeared good, although no formal zon-
 ing approval has taken place yet.

In other GGT work, a meeting is scheduled this
 month with the National
 Lutheran Home to dis-
 cuss possible future op-
 tions for housing Be-
 thesda Fellowship
 House.

One of the main GGT
 choices the Council has
 been weighing is
 whether to relocate
 church activities for a
 relatively brief period
 (approximately two
 years) to allow recon-
 struction to be finished
 all at once or to stay in
 place while reconstruc-

tion goes on around us at
 a far slower pace (six
 years). The Council sup-
 ports the two-year op-
 tion for a number of im-
 portant reasons, primar-
 ily safety concerns and
 the desire to finish the
 construction activity as
 soon as possible.

There will be a congre-
 gational information ses-
 sion after the 10 a.m.
 blended worship on Sun-
 day, Aug. 7, to update
 the congregation in de-
 tail on these and other recent GGT activities. A hos-
 pitality brunch will be held after the meeting.

The Council also reviewed plans for the church's
 Kid Safe program, a proactive multi-pronged initia-
 tive researched and developed by the Family Minis-
 try team to assure safety for all children and teens
 under the church's care. More information will be
 available when final details of the program are in
 place.

The Council also has been actively planning for and
 promoting the DC Festival with Luis Palau, set for
 October 8 and 9 on the
 National Mall. This a
 major event sponsored
 by many area
 churches, and many
 volunteer opportuni-
 ties are available for
 this event. For more
 information, please
 speak to Pastor Marv
 or Jennifer Tessneer.

- Larry Goolsby

Next Mission Trip to Mi Refugio Set for June 16-25, 2006!

Mi Refugio is a Christian school for children who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump and surrounding areas. Opportunities for serving at Mi Refugio include (but are not limited to) work with the children, building and maintenance projects, computer work, outreach into the community, and providing dental and other health services. Contact Jennifer Tessneer for details! 301-652-5160.



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carl Seils (9/1)
 Rick Day (9/10)
 Logan Miller (9/17)

Meghan Kilker (9/23)
 Rachel King (9/24)

Please let us know your birthday or anniversary so we can thank God and celebrate the awesome blessing of your life or other special occasion! Please email your birthday to Jennifer Tessneer at jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com.

Informational Congregational Meeting & Potluck Brunch
Immediately following the 10 a.m. blended worship service on Sunday, Aug. 7. To volunteer to bring a dish to the potluck, please email Lisa Bente at carpedm28@juno.com.

10 a.m. Blended Worship on Sundays, Sept. 4 & 11.
Our Fall Festival will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11!

Small Group Ministries

We warmly invite you to participate in these spiritual, faith-based opportunities. Unless another contact is listed, please call Florence Heacock, small groups minister, for details at 301-652-5160.



Small Group Facilitators Bible Study next meets from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 in the Hospitality Room. It is essential that all Small Group Leaders attend! The topic will be the end of the 2004-2005 Christian education year and 2005-2006 Small Group Ministry.

Adult “Challenging Lifestyles,” based on the Beatitudes, meets at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. Contact Larry Goolsby at 301-946-6479.

“Questions of Life” is a course on the basics of Christianity for new, returning and mature Christians. A new “Questions of Life” course will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18. For information on that course, please contact Jim Harken at 240-350-6027 or Steve Peth at 301-564-1232. Currently, “Questions of Life” courses meet in English and Spanish at 6 p.m. on Mondays. For the Monday course in English, contact Pastor Marv at 301-652-5160. For the course in Spanish, contact Pastor Raul Hernandez at 202-607-0037.

“Celebrate Recovery” uses eight recovery principles to help heal hurts and overcome personal problems. CR meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. Contact Roger Clough at 301-251-8694.

Coed Home Group, for in-depth Bible study, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month. Contact Mark or Marta Woodward at 301-592-8282.

Men’s Master Builders meets for in-depth Bible study with a focus on men’s issues from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact Steve Peth at 301-564-1232 or Tim Bradley at 301-977-0906.

“A Life Worth Living,” based on the book of Philippians, starts soon. Contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160.

Graceful Growing Together (GGT), CLC’s stewardship initiative, uses prayer, Bible study, faith, love, fellowship, and gifts to continue to experience spiritual growth and fulfill the vision that God has given our church for the future.

Teddy Bear Ministry is a ministry of love, caring, and healing based on 1 Corinthians 13. For more information, contact Florence Heacock.

Women



Martha Circle, a Bible study on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Mary Merrick at 301-571-7212.

Rachel Circle, a Bible study based on material provided by the Women of the ELCA, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Jackie Clapp at 301-933-4164.

THRIVE, for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Contact Sanna Solem at 301-571-0050.

Young Women’s Small Group, for women in their 20s and early 30s, meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday! Contact Jennifer Tessneer at 240-426-8598.

Women’s Home Group, for women seeking in-depth Bible study, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Ingrid Dallaire at 301-654-6962 or Ellen Schneider at 301-656-6419.



PRAYER

“... Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thes. 5:17)

Prayer Ministry meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in Prayer Room I (second floor). Contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160 or email her at flohea@heartmindsoul.com. Prayer Room I is open for prayer from 8:15 a.m.– Noon on Sundays. Prayer Room II is open for prayer Monday — Saturday.

Special Events & Information

Mission Endowment Fund Grant Applications Now Available



The CELC Congregation authorized the Mission Endowment Fund to make up to \$15,000 in grants this year for local, national and international mission work. A simple grant form is now available in the church office or via e-mail by contacting Ellen Schneider at ellenschneider@hotmail.com or Marta Woodward at suchamiro@yahoo.com.

Grant applications are due by Sept. 1 and awards will be reviewed and selected by the MEF Committee by Sept. 30. Since the total amount available in 2005 is \$15,000, we do not anticipate making awards

in amounts in excess of \$3,000 per grant recipient.

Members of CELC should feel free to pass this information or a grant application on to agencies, institutions or organizations which support people with spiritual, educational, economic or health-related needs.

If you have any questions, contact Ellen Schneider at 301-656-6419 or ellenschneider@hotmail.com.

— Ellen Schneider

Who is “The One”?

... the one person you are praying for and planning to invite to the DC Festival? If you don’t have someone in mind, please pray for God to lay someone on your heart. If you already know who “the one” is, please pray for his or her heart to be open to accepting an invitation from you to attend the Festival.



Important D.C. Festival dates

- **Counselor Training Sessions** — In a quick, *FREE*, 2-hour training, learn how to share in one of Christianity’s greatest joys — helping to lead a new believer to Christ! Trainings are available throughout the month of September at churches in Maryland, DC and Virginia. Please go to www.dcfestival.com to find the location nearest you.
- **Prayer Rally** — Join with hundreds of fellow believers to lift up the festival and praise the Lord through which all things are possible. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. Location TBA.
- **DC Schools Cleanup** — Many DC schools are in immediate need of repair, maintenance and upkeep. Join with hundreds of brothers and sisters as we share the love of Christ through service. Saturday, Oct. 1.
- **DC Festival** — Oct. 8 and 9 on the National Mall.

Great Music!
Good News!

For details or to get involved in any of these events, please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160 or go to www.dcfestival.com.



Family Ministry

CELC's family ministry exists to REACH families with the love of Jesus and CONNECT them with other believers so they can GROW in faith, use their God-given gifts in MINISTRY to others, and fall more deeply in LOVE with Jesus Christ.

- ♦ **Reach**
(Evangelism)
- ♦ **Connect**
(Fellowship)
- ♦ **Grow**
(Discipleship)
- ♦ **Ministry**
(Service)
- ♦ **Love**
(Worship)

Dear Parents and Friends of Family Ministry,

For many of us, this is one of the most exciting times of the year as we prepare for the start of ministry activities in September. I pray you have had a peaceful and blessed summer and that you are looking forward to the many opportunities that await your family at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) this year.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a family ministry packet with a variety of information. Please read the packet carefully and pay special attention to the following:

- Health and Permission Forms — All children and teens who participate in family ministry activities at CELC must have a completed health and permission form on file with the church. These must be completed at the beginning of each church year (in September). **Because we have had trouble getting these forms returned in past years, this year no child or teen will be allowed to participate in family ministry programs until we have his or her form on file.** Please return your child's form right away!
- Kid Safe Policy — Kid Safe is CELC's new policy to protect children and teens in our care and ensure a safe environment in our church. Please read the policy carefully and return the Family Servant Safety Questionnaire to Jennifer Tessneer.
- Parents Meeting Date — We are planning a



Have a great remainder of the summer!

parents meeting for September. This will be a chance for you to learn more about family ministry at CELC, hear about opportunities for your family to get involved in the coming year, and ask any questions you may have. We also will go over Kid Safe briefly.

- Pathfinders and youth group schedules for the fall.

Please also mark your calendars for the Fall Festival (11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11), the DC schools clean-up servant project (Saturday, Oct. 1) and the DC Festival (Oct. 8 and 9). All three are great opportunities to invite your friends and family to get to know our church community and begin a life journey with Jesus.

I'll close with a word of thanksgiving and a request. God has greatly blessed our church with new families with whom to share the Gospel, and we thank Him for these opportunities. As such, we need adults who love Jesus and have a growing relationship with Him to step forward to minister to these children, teens and families. Please search your heart to see whether God is calling you to serve young people and families, whether it is on a one-time or long-term basis. If you sense His call on your life, please contact me so we can discuss how you might serve at CELC.

God bless the rest of your summer!

—Jennifer Tessneer
301-652-5160; jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com

INTRODUCING MONTHLY YOUTH BRUNCHES!



Join us to hang out with old friends and make new ones!

We'll gather on the second Sunday of each month. Bring money for brunch and meet in the Narthex at 11 a.m.!

Come support CELC's youth rock band

SALTED FIRE

in concert ...

Time TBD, Saturday, Aug. 20 @ "The Oasis" in Stafford, VA

For details, contact Richard Czypinski at 301-652-5160 or at richard@heartmindsoul.com.



Want to Know More about Godly Parenting?

Please email jenniferclc@heartmindsoul.com to begin receiving our weekly family ministry e-newsletter. This newsletter provides opportunities to serve, resources to equip & encourage, updates & reminders, and praise & prayer requests.

Please also visit Jennifer Tessneer's office and the parent resources board outside her office (first floor) for lots of free information and inspiration! Books, games, activities to equip you as your children's primary faith teacher. You are welcome to check out these resources!



Opportunities for Families at CELC

Making Disciples Confirmation Ministry is for children and teens ages 12 and up and adults who are ready to take a focused journey towards reaffirming their faith and recommitting their lives to Jesus Christ. Making Disciples meets weekly through the school year.

Pathfinders Sunday Morning Adventure for Children is CELC's Sunday school for ages 3-12. Pathfinders meets every Sunday throughout the school year in the second-floor education wing. Parents are welcome to accompany young children.

Senior High Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Sunday in the second-floor youth room for fun, friendship and Bible Study. We meet in the summer but on a modified schedule. Come hungry!

Small groups are an excellent way for parents to connect in Biblical community and grow in faith. We encourage *everyone* to join a small group. For more information about adult small groups, please contact Florence Heacock at 301-652-5160, ext. 3.

For more information or to volunteer in Family Ministry, please call Jennifer Tessneer at 301-652-5160, ext. 5. Or you can speak to:

- Lisa Bente, family ministry council rep
- Laurie Heinecke, Pathfinders teacher
- Jonathan Hoang, youth
- Jaymes & Jeremy Lunsford, youth
- Donica Merhazion, family ministry team member
- Daniel & Jack Smith, youth
- Erica Sprague, youth leader
- Jennifer Tessneer, family & community minister
- George Wenchel, family ministry council rep
- Mark Woodward, Pathfinders teacher